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WHEREAS, international education and exchange include thousands of programs. public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders; and

WHEREAS, these programs include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

WHEREAS, participation in such programs helps our students to develop greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures and fosters the understanding and cooperation essential to peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to the strength of our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security in an increasingly interconnected world;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2006 as:

"International Education Week"

throughout the State of New Mexico, and encourage all citizens to recognize the important role that international education plays in our lives and communities.

Rébecca Vigil-Giron

Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this 11th day of October, 2006.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the Great State of New Mexico

Bill Richardson

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Governor